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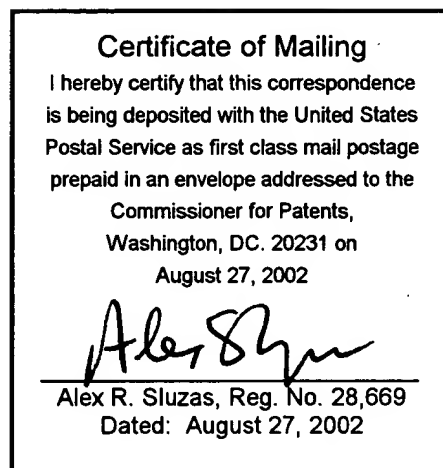
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted under certificate of mailing on Tuesday, August 27, 2002 in response to the Examiner's Action mailed May 31, 2002 in the above-referenced patent application setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response.

Claims 1-5 are in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

-- 3.(amended) A captive screw according to claim 1 wherein the ferrule is formed with an annular collapsible ring section formed on the bottom having a generally circular opening large enough to permit the threads, collar, and the screw to pass through but not large enough to permit the spring to pass through, the annular ring section being bent upwardly to captivate the screw on the ferrule during assembly of the captive screw. --